



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**PROJECT TITLE** San Jacinto Community Center Hazard Reduction

**PROJECT LOCATION** Idyllwild CA 92549 --- T5S, R3E, NE ¼ of Section 18, SBBM **COUNTY** Riverside

**LEAD AGENCY** California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The San Jacinto Community Center is a six acre vacant lot used by the community for events, exercise, and social gatherings. The goal of this project is to prune dead and hazardous limbs and cut small diameter dead trees near public use areas to increase the public safety in the high use recreation areas of the ownership. ~40 trees containing hazardous limbs will be climbed (without spurs) and pruned. ~6 small diameter (<14" dbh) trees posing a safety concern will be felled. CAL FIRE crews will hand cut limbs and trees and the material will be hand carried to an existing road to be chipped on site. Felled dead trees will be cut into firewood and hand carried to the road to be hauled off site and donated to the community. Vehicles used to tow the chipper and to haul material offsite will be limited to existing roads.

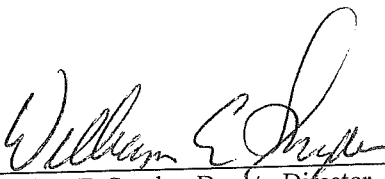
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under a Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). The project will not cause any ground disturbance because crews will hand cut and hand carry all material to existing roads and vehicles used to haul or chip material will be limited to those roads. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Mountain Resource Center in Idyllwild CA.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 4/26/10  
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